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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: BILATERAL AIR AGREEMENT DISCUSSIONS

WITH GOG IN JULY

REF: GEORGETOWN 1111

- 1. U.S. CIVIL AVIATION NEGOTIATORS WILL VISIT BARBADOS IN LATE JULY DUE SUDDEN CHANGE SITUATION THERE. USDEL CONSIDERING POSSIBILITY BRIEF VISIT TO GEORGETOWN FOLLOWING BARBADOS SESSIONS, JULY 29 AND 30 AND FOR NO MORE THAN ONE OR TWO DAYS. PURPOSE WOULD BE TO EXPLAIN US VIEWS, TO EXPLORE FULL EXTENT OF GOG INTEREST IN AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT, AND TO DETERMINE WHETHER SOME ALTERNATIVE, SHORT OF AN AGREEMENT IN WHICH GUYANA OBTAINS ROUTES TO US, IS AVAILABLE. DEPENDING ON OUTCOME THESE DISCUSSIONS, WE COULD SCHEDULE LATER NEGOTIATIONS IN WASHINGTON.
- 2. REQUEST EMBASSY VIEWS WHETHER SUCH VISIT BY USDEL WOULD BE DESIRABLE. ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE POSTPONE ANY TALKS UNTIL SEPTEMBER OR LATER.
- 3. APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S OFFER TAKE UP DETAILS OF WORKING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OUT CIVAIR AGREEMENT WITH GOG PENDING OPENING NEGOTIATIONS

LATER THIS YEAR. HOWEVER, REVIEW OF GOG DRAFT AGREEMENT PRESENTED EARLIER SHOWS NUMEROUS POINTS OF DIVERGENCE BETWEEN US AND GOG CIVIL AIR POLICIES. WHILE THESE DIFFERENCES MAY NOT CAUSE GREAT DIFFICULTIES, THEIR NATURE

IS SUCH THAT RESOLUTION OF DIFFERENCES WOULD BEST BE ACCOMPLISHED BY WORKING-LEVEL MEETINGS OF OFFICIALS FAMILIAR WITH CIVIL AVIATION POLICY AND PRACTICE. KISSINGER

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